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Stream Restoration Project Gets Underway at Wakefield Run

A groundbreaking ceremony will mark the beginning of work on the Wakefield Run stream restoration project Wednesday, July 24, 2013 at 10 a.m. This project will restore a degraded, eroding and unstable stream to a stable condition using natural channel design methods that will improve water quality in Accotink Creek.

The Fairfax County Park Authority approached the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District to design and install the project. Using \$75,000 the Park Authority had received from the Express Lanes Project, as well as an additional \$300,000 provided by the Department of Public Works and Environmental Services, the project was extended further along the creek to where a Cross County Trail bridge crosses the stream.

Dominion Virginia Power has also joined this partnership and is providing \$35,000 in support of the restoration project which will now extend all the way to Accotink Creek, and underwriting the cost of the multi-use stream crossing within its easement. The crossing has also been deteriorating and was severely damaged by Tropical Storm Lee. The newly stabilized crossing will benefit hikers, runners, mountain bikers and provide needed access to service vehicles. An additional \$5,000 was provided by Transurban Group to support the project's implementation.

The innovative design will include meanders and gentle slopes, stabilizing and planting the banks, replacing a large rip-rapped culvert outfall with a shorter, more effective outfall, and reconstruction of the stream crossing.

Other entities which make up this dynamic partnership and have contributed time, talent and resources include the Braddock District Supervisor's Office, the Virginia Department of Transportation, the Friends of Accotink Creek, the Fairfax County Park Foundation, Fairfax Trails and Streams, Mid-Atlantic Off-Road Enthusiasts (MORE) and Earth Sangha.

The brief ceremony is open to the public but RSVPs are kindly requested. Wakefield Park is located at 8100 Braddock Road in Annandale, Va. Participants should meet at the recycling drop-off center at Audrey Moore RECenter's parking lot. Shuttles will take participants to the site for the ceremony and a brief tour of the area. Please wear appropriate shoes. Light refreshments will be served. In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony will move indoors to the RECenter. To RSVP go to parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov or call 703-324-8700.

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